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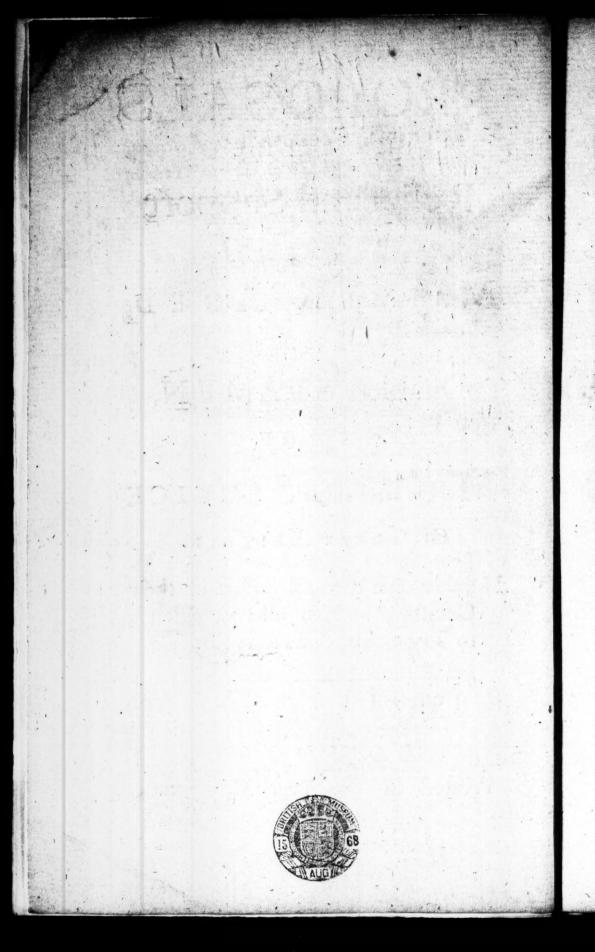
Of GREAT BRITAIN.

Humbly offer'd to all Lovers of their Country, and to all true Friends to TRADE and NAVIGATION

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To Merchants, Commanders of Ships, and to all true Friends to Trade and Navigation; the following Proposals are humbly offer'd.

T is with the greatest Submission I presume to offer you the following Proposals, not in the least doubting but your Humanity and Tenderness towards Objects who

having ventur'd their Lives and Limbs for the Good of their Country, and the Extension of Trade, are render'd incapable of providing for themselves and Families, by Age or other Missortunes, will induce you to promote an undertaking so laudable, if approv'd of. I have here inserted several Observations which have occurred to my Thoughts, with a Sketch of a Plan, a Case, the Copy of a Petition, sign'd by Numbers of Commanders of Ships, and presented to the Honourable House of Commons, Articles for Subscriptions, and the Names of those who have already subscribed, in hopes of your Countenance and Protection. I subscribe myself,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most devoted,

Humble and obedient Servant,

Instances relating to Owners, Commanders of Ships, and Seamen admitted into their Service.

TF a Seaman, who enters himself, or is impressed into the King's Service, be by any Accident wounded or disabled, to recompence him for the Loss, he receives a Pension during Life, which is proportioned to his Hurt; so its but reasonable, that a poor Man, who loses his Limbs (which are his Estate) in the Service of the Government, and is thereby disabled from his Labour to get his Bread, shou'd be provided for, and not suffer'd to beg or starve for want of those Limbs he lost in the Service of his Country.

But if you come to the Seamen in the Merchants Service, not the least Provision is made; which has been the Loss of many a good Ship, with many a rich Cargo, which

wou'd otherwise have been saved.

And the Sailors are in the Right of it, For Instance: A Merchant Ship coming Home from Abroad, perhaps very rich, meets with a Privateer (not so strong but that she might fight him, and perhaps get off) the Captain calls up his Crew, tells them, Gentlemen, you see how 'tis; I don't question but we may clear ourselves of this Caper, if you will stand by me. One of the Crew,

as willing to fight as the rest, and as far from being a Coward as the Captain, but endowed with a little more Wit than his Fellows, replies, Noble Captain, we are willing to fight, and don't question but to beat him off; but here is the Case, If we are taken, we shall be set on Shore, then sent Home, lose perhaps our Cloaths, and a little Pay; but if we fight, and beat the Privateer, prehaps half a Score of us may be wounded, and lose our Limbs, and then we and our Families are undone. If you will sign an Obligation to us, that the Owners or Merchants shall allow a Pension to such as are maimed, that we may not fight for the Ship and go a begging ourselves, we will bring off the Ship, or fink by her Side, otherwise I am not willing to fight for my Part. The Captain cannot do this; so they strike, and the Ship and Cargo is lost; which has often been the Cafe.

Now to remedy such Inconveniencies, there are Proposals of a very reasonable Kind hereunto subjoined, which must greatly conduce to the Benefit of the Merchant, and be a certain and sure Provision for every such Seaman as has behaved well, and to the Exclusion of every one who has not so done, as may be seen at large in the following Proposals.

The above Remarks are submitted to the Consideration of the Subscribers.

The Case of the Masters of Ships, Officers and Seamen, in the Merchants Service; humbly offered to the Consideration of the Honourable House of Commons.

A S the Riches of these Kingdoms depend upon Trade and Navigation with different Parts of the World, and cannot be carried on without the Assistance of great Numbers of Seamen, such Seamen 'tis humbly presumed, deserve Encouragement, not only from those that immediately employ them, but from all who reap the Ad-

vantages of Trade in general.

The many fatal Accidents to which our Mariners are continually exposed, and the Incapacity they are under, of making Provision for themselves and Families, when (by Age, or accidental Misfortunes) they are render'd unfit for Service makes it necessary that a Provision be made for such as shall lote their Sight or Limbs, or are otherwise difabled, or worn out in the Merchants Service; and also for the Widows and Orphans of those who shall be kill'd or drowned in Defence of their Ships; And fuch Provision is become more immediately necessary, in regard that many Masters and Sailors have greatly suffered, by bravely defending their Ships, fince the Commencement of the War.

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per Month, out of their Pay towards the erecting and endowing an Hospital for their Reception and Support, when maimed, difabled, or worn out by Age, and likewife for the Relief of the Widows and Children of those who shall lose their Lives in such Service; which faid Sum of One Shilling per Month the Seamen are willing and defirous to pay towards the Endowment and Support of the fame: Which Proposal, shou'd it take Effect, will encourage our Sailors to undertake dangerous and difficult Voyages, to venture their Lives and Limbs in the vigorous Defence of their Ships and Cargoes, render them more obedient to Command, prevent their entering into foreign Service, and keep them from being burthensome to their respective Parishes.

Wherefore, as a confiderable Number of Masters of Ships and Seasaring Men, have signed a Petition to this Honourable House, praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Seamen, and the Widows and Children of such as shall be killed, slain, or drowned in the Merchants Service; they most humbly hope, the Prayer of the said

Petition will be granted.

N. B. This Proposal no way interferes with Greenwich Hospital, being merely calculated for the Benefit alone of Seasaring Men in the Merchants Service of these Kingdoms, independent of the National Provision made for the Sailors belonging to the Royal Navy. To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament affembled.

The humble Petition of Masters of Ships and other Officers and Seamen, employed in the Merchants Service, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, on behalf of themselves and the other Seamen in the said Service.

Sheweth,

THAT the Seamen employed in the Merchants Service, are exposed to great Hazards and Dangers, especially in Times of War, and frequently lose their Lives and Limbs, and are otherwise maimed and disabled in the Desending the Ships they ferve in, when attacked by, as well as in attacking and taking the Ships belonging to the Enemies of this Kingdom, and often in working such Ships in violent Storms and bad Weather; and are sometimes worn out by Age, and disabled by the Severity of Heat and Cold in certain Voyages, so that they are rendered incapable of any future Service at Sea, or of providing for themselves and Families:

That by an Act made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King William the Third, for the Encrease and Encouragement of Seamen, certain

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tain Encouragements were given for Seamen to register themselves in and for his Majesty's Service, and Six-pence per Month is thereby to be deducted out of the Pay of every Seaman employed in the Merchants Service, as well as of those who served in the Royal Navy, for the better Support of Greenwich Hospital, to make Provision for fuch of the faid registered Seamen, who by Age, Wounds, or other Accidents, should be dilabled for future Service at Sea, and for the Children of fuch disabled Seamen; and the Widows and Children of fuch of them as shou'd happen to be slain, killed or drowned, fo far forth as the faid Hospital shou'd be capable to receive them, and the Revenue thereof would extend for or towards their Relief or Support.

That by an Act made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, for the better collecting and recovering the Duties granted for the Support of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, and for the further Benefit thereof, and for preserving her Majesty's Harbour Moorings. And by an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, For the Application of the Rents and Profits of the Estates forfeited by the Attainders of James late Earl of Derwentwater, and Charles Radchisse; it is enacted, That Seamen on board Merchants Ships, who shall be maimed or hurt in Fight B

against any Enemy of this Kingdom, shall be admitted into the said Hospital in like manner, as any other Seamen, wounded or disabled in the Service of the Royal Navy. And by an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, For the more effectual suppressing of Piracy, every Seaman on board any Merchant Ship, who is maimed in Fight against any Pirate, is likewise to be admitted into the said

Hospital.

That the faid Hospital not being capable to receive, nor the Income thereof being fufficient for the Relief and Support of the disabled and worn-out Seamen, and the Widows and Children of fuch as have been killed, flain, or drowned in the Service of. the Royal Navy; the Seamen maimed and disabled in Fight in the Merchants Service. against the Enemies of this Kingdom, cannot be admitted into the faid Holpital; and there is no Provision at all made for those that shall be maimed or disabled by accidental Misfortunes, or for those worn out by Age, or for the Widows or Children of those who are killed, slain, or drowned in fuch Merchants Service: Wherefore your Petitioners are defirous and willing, that Twelve-pence per Month shou'd be deducted out of their Pay, and be applied towards the erecting, founding, and endowing an Hospital for the Reception and Support of maimed

maimed and disabled Seamen, and the Relief of the Widows and Children of those who shall be killed, slain, or drowned in the Merchants Service; but the same cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament.

Therefore your Petitioners humbly pray this Honourable House, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Seamen, and the Widows and Children of such as shall be killed, slain, or drowned in the Merchants Service.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray.

N. B. The above Petition was presented to the Honourable House of Commons by Sir William Calvert, when the following Otjection was made by Sir John Barnard, viz. That as Commanders of Ships, &c. were dependent upon Merchants, an Act of Parliament could not justly be granted without their Approbation of the same. The following Representation has fince been drawn up for Gentlemen and Merchants concerned in Trade and Commerce, who are Well-wishers to those unfortunate Seamen, who daily venture their Lives and Limbs at Sea, and are exposed to Perils and Dangers, hoping they will forward and help so laudable an Undertaking, by figning the faid Representation; the Success of which depending wholly upon those Gentlemen, Merchants, &c.

To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament affembled.

The bumble Representation of the several Merchants and Persons concerned in Commerce and Navigation, whose Names are hereunto subscribed.

TAVING perused and considered the Pe-I tition before-mentioned, do humbly beg Leave to represent to this Honourable House, That if an Act of Parliament should pass for the Purposes therein mentioned, it will be attended with many Consequences useful and beneficial to this Nation: It will greatly tend to the Encrease of Trade and Navigation of these Kingdoms, by encouraging our Sailors to undertake difficult and dangerous Voyages, to venture their Lives and Limbs in the vigorous Defence of the Ships they serve in, against the Attacks of our open and declared Enemies; as also in attacking and taking fuch Ships, tho' of fuperior Force, renser fuch Sailors more obedient to Command, and prevent them entering into the Service of Foreigners: Whereby his Majesty's Royal Navy will be easier and fooner manned upon any Emergency: It will likewise be a great Ease to respective Parishes

Parishes where Seamen have Settlements, by preventing them (when rendered incapable for Service) and their Families (when they are killed) from becoming burthensome to such Parishes.

All which is bumbly submitted to the Consideration of this Honourable House.

A Sketch of the Plan for the Relief of Aged and Disabled Seamen in the Merchants Service of Great Britain.

A LL Officers and Seamen in Service, to pay One Shilling per Month each, towards the Endowment and Support of an Hospital for their Admittance, when disabled, to intitle them to the Benefit thereof, in the same Manner as the Officers and Seamen belonging to the Royal Navy are provided for at Greenwich-Hospital; and for the Loss of Limb, or Limbs, Use thereof, Sight, or Hearing, to receive the same Allowance or Pension, as is granted by the Government from the Chest at Chatham.

No Person to partake of any Benefit from the same, until he has been a Subscriber Five Years; to prevent Impositions from old Age, who might go a Voyage or two to Newcastle, or else where, then plead Superannuation,

annuation, in order to reap the Advantage of the faid Benefaction.

All Officers and Seamen on board any Merchant Ship, and stand enter'd into the Ship's Books, and meet with any Accidents or Misfortunes, when on Board, or on Shore upon the Ship's Duty, shall immediately be taken Care of, until they are fit for Business again; but if render'd utterly disabled by Loss of Limbs, &c. as aforesaid, then to be admitted in the faid Hospital, or receive a Pension during Life.

Every Commander, or Master of a Ship that shall be killed by bravely defending his Ship, the Widow and Children of the faid. Commander, or Master, shall be intitled to

Fifty Pounds.

Every Mate, Surgeon, Master Carpenter, Boatswain, Gunner, and Midshipman's Widow, on the like Occasion, to Thirty Pounds.

Every Seaman, or Seafaring Man's Widow, on the like Occasion, to Twenty Pounds.

Every Officer or Seaman, that is unwilling to be taken into the faid Building, shall be admitted an Out-Pensioner, at the Allowance of Ten Pounds per Ann. to the Time of his Death.

There being a Plausibility of raising a large Fund, by the Subscriptions and charitable Donations of the Rich and Wellwishers to Trade and Navigation, the same

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If a Seaman, on board any Ship where there is Occasion to fight, shou'd by Deposition of the Captain, or Majority of the Ship's Company, be found a Coward, or wanting in his Duty, such Seamen shall be excluded the Benefit of the said Charity, or shall undergo such Punishment as shall be thought proper by the Governors appointed for the said Purpose.

#### Articles of Subscription.

London, 1745. THEREAS there is at present no Provision made for the Support of Maimed, Difabled, Aged, and worn-out Seamen in the Merchants Service of Great-Britain; nor for the Widows and Orphans of those who shall lose their Lives in such Ser-And whereas it is proposed, that an Hospital shall be erected for the Reception and Relief of fuch as are Maimed, &c. as aforefaid. To which, Numbers of Commanders of Ships, Officers, and Seamen, in the said Service, have already sign'd to contribute, by voluntary Subscriptions, and likewife by a continual Monthly Deduction out of their Pay, during their Continuance in the faid

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faid Service, towards building and supporting the same. And as this laudable Undertaking will tend to increase Trade and Navigation, provide for Numbers of fuch diffressed miserable Objects, destitute of Support; greatly induce fuch Sailors from engaging themselves into Foreign Service; and also oblige them not to leave their Ships, by reason such a Provision and Settlement will animate, and give them Courage to fight in Defence of their Ships, &c. which will be a Preservation to Numbers, many having been loft by Seamen refusing to fight, knowing, that if Maimed, or Disabled, they must be obliged to beg for Subfistance, or themselves and Families become burthensome to their Friends or respective Parishes; it will likewise ease their Poor's Rates: And as the fame cannot well be effected without the Aid of an Act of Parliament; to the End, therefore, that the faid good Design may be put in Force, and that an Act of Parliament for the faid Purpose may be obtained: We whose Names are here under-written, being desirous the same may be carried into Execution, have subscribed the several Sums set against our Names, towards erecting a plain, strong and convenient Hospital, and obtaining the aforefaid Act for endowing the fame, by the Monthly Contributions above-mentioned; which faid voluntary Subscriptions we agree to pay into the Bank of England, at such

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Time as a Committee of Twenty-one of us the Subscribers (which shall be chosen by a Majority of the Subscribers present, at a Meeting to be held by publick Notice in the London Gazette for that Purpose) shall appoint; which said Committee, or the major Part of them, are hereby empowered and authorized to direct the Application of the several Sums that shall from Time to Time be paid into the said Bank, or elsewhere, by their Direction, in pursuance hereos.

# Articles of the Officers and Sailors Assignments.

ten, do Empower and Authorize Captain Philip Comyn, Commander of the good Ship the Fame, now bound on a Cruize under whom we now serve) to detain from is or our Executors (out of the Prize Money, or Wages that shall become due at the End of our present Voyage) the respective Sums et against our Names, which Sums are insended to destray the Charges of erecting an Hospital for the Relief and Support of the lisabled Sailors in the Merchants Service of Great Britain; as also One Shilling per Month each, towards the Endowment and Support of the said.

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Oaptain into the Hands of such as shall be appointed for the said Purpose, as soon as an Ast. of Parliament shall be passed, or a Charter granted, to intitle us to the Benefit thereof; to which we will continue to pay according to the Terms proposid.

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Upon a Review of the several Articles in this Pamphlet, some Things may suffer for want of being fully expressed; which, if any Person object against, they are desired to mend; however, I do not willingly assert any Thing I have not good Grounds for; yet I cannot foresee that any just Objection can be raised to oppose the Intention of my Proposals; neither do I think, but all reasonable Men will acknowledge the same will be of the greatest Advantage to the trading Part of this Nation: Not that I assume that Arrogance to pretend no Amendment can be made to the said Articles, they being such as occurred to my Thoughts.

The Proposer of the Plan for the Relief of aged, worn-out and disabled Seamen in the Merchants Service of Great Britain, being willing to demonstrate to whom it may concern, that he has neither Self-Interest, nor private Views in the same: 'Tis his humble Request, That all Gentlemen, Merchants, &c. that are thoroughly convinced of the great Want, and general Utility of erecting an Hospital for the Purposes aforefaid, will be pleased to take upon themselves the

Care and Management of the same.